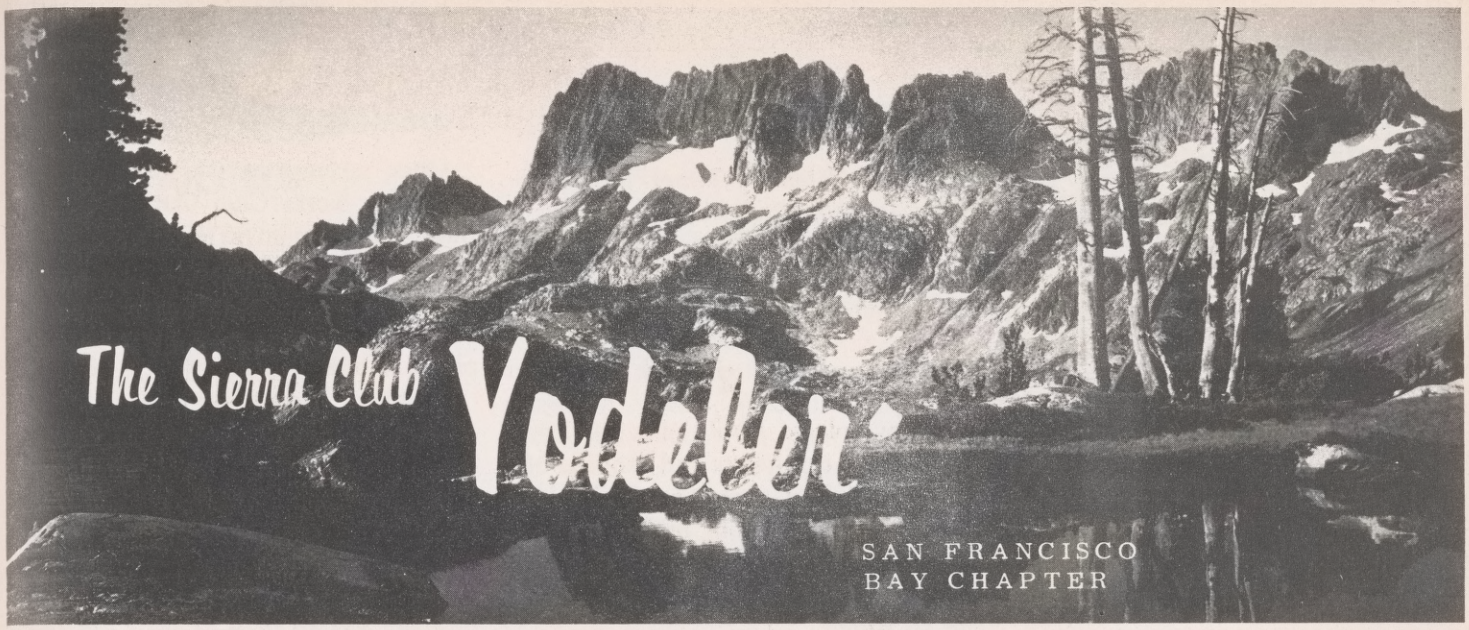

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CONSERVATION ON THE WEST COAST

Items discussed at the April meeting of the Conservation Committee ranged over all the West Coast States. From California we heard that land exchanges are proposed in Death Valley National Monument which will delete sections in the northeast corner and add some in the south where mountain sheep need more protection. Inside the Monument some private land may be acquired on which a visitors' center will be built.

In Yosemite Valley, though announced plans call for gradual removal of storage buildings to El Portal, we hear that a large new warehouse is planned to take care of all the Curry Company storage needs. This would be a most undesirable addition to the permanent structures on the floor of the valley. The National Park Service can deny the permit for the building if they really want to take storage structures out of the Valley.

The National Forest Service has acted to protect the Bristle Cone Pines (see last Yodeler) by setting aside 27,000 acres as a Natural Area under regulation U4. This withdraws the area from mineral entry. A ranger will be there by the time the season opens. Picnicking will be allowed, but not camping.

In Oregon, Waldo Lake, a beautiful wooded lake north of Diamond Peak and south of the Three Sisters, will be thoroughly "improved" by a road to be constructed up to and half around the lake. Karl Onthank thinks this should be declared a Wild Area. At the Committee meeting David Simons showed a large scale map he had drawn to show that the whole crest of the Oregon Cascades from Mt. Jefferson to Diamond Peak has once been suggested as a National Park, and perhaps should be so proposed. though it has been nibbled away by lumbering, water projects and power withdrawals.

Dave Simons also has constructed a fine map of the northern Cascades, showing what parts were studied in 1939, what are now in limited areas, recreation areas, Canadian provincial park and wild areas. All National Forest boundaries, lakes and rivers are on the map which is a very worthwhile addition to our reference material on the Washington Cascades.

—C.M.C.

O-O-O-O-O-H — OUR SLIP SHOWED!

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs will meet over the Labor Day weekend just south of Tillamook, Oregon.

Last issue we called it the Far West Outing Club. We butched. So far three indignant readers have gnawed on our bones. We—and any other interested Club members—have been cordially invited to send in $2.00 for an associate membership, which includes four quarterly issues of "Western Outdoor Bulletin."

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Reservations for the convention are due by August 15, and should be sent to Melvin P. Becker, 4015 N.E. Stanton St., Portland 12, Oregon.

ANNUAL BANQUET

April 29 is the deadline for making reservations for the 1958 Annual Banquet.

No tickets will be sold at the door, so send your $3.75 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope right now to Miss Georgella Perry, 2610 Etna St., Berkeley 4.

Speaker of the evening is Dr. Will Siri. You won't want to miss his pictures and commentary of his trip to Antarctica with the International Physiological Expedition.

Newly-elected members of the Club Board of Directors will be introduced at the dinner. They are Harold C. Bradley, H. Stewart Kimball, Richard M. Leonard, A. Starker Leopold, and Lowell Sumner.

Meet them and your other Club officers and friends at the Leamington Hotel, 19th and Franklin Sts., Oakland, on May 3. A social hour from 6-7 p.m. in the Victory Room will precede the banquet. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom. Dress is informal.

We'll meet you at the Leamington!

—Bonnie Hubbard

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CTL NEWS
March 22-23

The big news this weekend was the Bill Freitas Race at Donner Ski Ranch. This annual race is held to encourage younger skiers to compete, and this year they came out in force and walked off with nearly all the honors. Our juniors helped our teams to finish first and sixth out of the eight teams to finish. Those who went to Donner were entertained by the yodeling of several local skiers, including our own Bob McGillicuddy.

At a very short lodge committee meeting, it was decided to keep the summer rates the same as last year. For more info on summer at CTL, see the May Bulletin.

How the Sierra Club and Nature Friends came out:

Teams

Sierra Club I—1st..... 7:16.15
Natural Friends—4th..... 8:10.3
Sierra Club II—6th.....10:26.65

Individual Men's Times

Jim Nicklos—1st SCI..... 0:55.4
Rex Rathbun—3rd SCI..... 0:56.7
Kurt Weckeiser—4th NF..... 0:57.4
Bob McGillicuddy—7th SCI..... 1:00.5
John S. Thune, Jr.—11th SCI.... 1:02.3
(and lots of others—but no space)

CTL NEWS (Continued)

Individual Women's Times

Betsy Johnson—2nd SCII..... 1:04.7
Jackie Volz—3rd NF..... 1:05.55
Linnell Starr—5th SCI..... 1:08.5
Sue Farquhar—6th SCI..... 1:09.45

March 29-30

"Snow, please stop!" was the cry heard from the hearts and mouths of the houseful of skiers at CTL this weekend. Mt. Lincoln chair lift and Donner Ski Ranch were closed and Squaw Valley was snowed in, according to rumor.

Don't despair! Signal Hill was running as usual and powder skiing was the first-run feature. Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon the sun played tag with some very big black clouds and finally lost out both times. Highway 40 was closed till about noon Sunday, but was navigable by evening.

On looking around the living room Saturday night between dances, my eye was caught by the glitter of gold on top of the piano. Here the trophies and plaques won by the ski patrol and racers were heaped together in disarray. Where's our trophy case or shelf? If you'd like to help on this project or others that the Lodge Committee plans for this summer's work parties, be thinking of which weekends you'd like to come up. Time off is promised for skiing as long as there is snow and that's liable to be till next winter, if this snow keeps up.

—Roberta Codis

SCHEDULE BUGS AND BUSES

Somehow a bug got into the new schedule in spite of all the proofreading. The bus referred to in the description of the Muir Woods trip July 27 is the 8:15 a.m. Bolinas bus.

—Ethel Unselt

SUMMER OUTINGS

Once again the time of year has come for Sierra Club Outings—when those who like to explore and enjoy the mountains, and who also believe our scenic resources should be protected, turn their thoughts to participating in one of the many trips offered.

People of all ages and from all walks of life can enjoy these trips. Their common love of mountains and the out-of-doors has proved a strong bond. The trips are important because one can feel the strength of common understanding and coordinated effort and thus the effectiveness of the Club as a whole is increased. The Outings provide a delightful way to get young people into the out-of-doors under competent leadership.

Are you going to be one of the fortunate people whose vacation this year will be one to be long remembered? You will be if you go on one of these Outings. There are many trips from which to choose.

Whichever outing you choose, it will be a magical, long-remembered experience. So study the details of the various trips in the March Bulletin and send in your reservation for at least one outing.

You'll never be sorry you did. In fact, you'll reluctantly leave the mountains and will enthusiastically describe your wonderful adventures to your friends at home.

So—send in your reservation now!

—Dorothy Otto

DANCING

Adult folk and beginning square dancing—for free—will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Excelsior Playground, Russia Ave. and Madrid Sts., SF, under the auspices of the SF Recreation and Park Department.

NEW SIERRA CLUB FILM AVAILABLE

Wilderness Alps of Stehekin is the title of the new film (color and sound) just completed with photography chiefly by Dave Brower. Here are 30 minutes of marvelous scenery by air, by boat, on horseback and on foot through the northern Cascades. If this is not country worthy to be a National Park, we don't know what is. You can do the Sierra Club and yourself (and the Cascades) a good turn by arranging for showing this film to any club or group you can date up. There will be many copies available and several have been bought by Chapters for local showing. The cost of a copy is $156.00 which, of course, may be defrayed by voluntary contributions from audiences, but in any case plan to show the film if you can. We want the American people to get acquainted with the superb scenery still unspoiled, in the Northwest corner of the States. For information call the Sierra Club office, or Mona Gauger in Berkeley, LAndscape 4-6194.

—C.M.C.

IN MEMORY . . .

Al Duhme was a good friend to many a Sierra Club mmeber both at Tuolumne Meadows and at West Point Club. Especially we remember a hike with him to Cathedral Lake and the trout he caught and cooked on a granite slab.

Al died at Ross General Hospital April 10.

(His place as custodian of West Point Club will be taken by Ed Kindred.)

—C.M.C.

RIVER TOURING SECTION

The season for the River Tourers has at last started! It is hard to tell if this is because of the recent sunny weekends or good planning.

At any rate, those folks in the section who stayed in this area April 12 and 13 had a wonderful day and picnic supper at Jackie Watkins' place in Richmond. Sunday was sunny and hot, and some brave people actually took an intentional swim as well as practicing and playing in their boats.

For those folks who took advantage of Bestor Robinson's kind invitation to run the Eel river, a fine two days were spent on the river. There were runs for all.

Three new boats were christened: Marianne Danielson's *Firebird*, Elaine Barron's new Champion Hammer, and Elinor Ridge's *Rainbow* or *Toab*—call it what you wish. The latter name was given to this boat when it was discovered that the seat and bulkhead were put in backwards.

Elaine and Elinore had their first taste of river running and made the "easy" run of 17 miles along with the others. Glenn Gaumer managed to make contact with a rock and put several holes in his boat. Red Cockerline also damaged his boat. Earl Oliver used one of Lou Elliott's boats — a new Champion Hammer. Jimmy Elliott, Lou's young son, kept right up with us on the trip and paddled double with his dad. For breakfast Sunday morning, we had fresh eels, caught and prepared by Barbara and Marianne. Sunday night was spent poring over books to find out more about eels, or lampreys, properly called.

The Eel area near Redway was simply beautiful with wild flowers, waterfalls and rapids to photograph. This could prove to be a photographer's delight if anyone is interested in just this aspect of the trip. Erwin Strohmaier came up on Saturday just to take shots of the boaters, scenery and rapids. We hope these pictures turn out well and that we will be able to see them, along with those of other shutterbugs, at our next regular monthly meeting May 13. Many thanks to the Robinson family for their hospitality.

At long last many of the folks in this area who were not acquainted with Roger Paris and his boating technique were able to meet him in person and see his interesting films of boating abroad. Roger is an amateur champion and the movies showed his excellent technique. He was at our last training session on paddling techniques and graciously answered all the questions. The interested group of 50 hated to break up the meeting, so it ran longer than usual.

The weekend of April 19-20 saw about 25 of our group on the Russian River above Cloverdale — our favorite Russian River run. Saturday was "beginners" day from Hopland to Squaw Rock, with several advanced members of the party continuing through the chute at Squaw Rock at the "graveyard" below. From all reports, they didn't hit *too* many rocks. Sunday morning, a slalom was set up near the campsite and everyone ran the course several times practicing. Barbara Tilden showed us a new way to get between rocks.

Sunday afternoon, the group split into two sections. One section ran the Hopland-to-Squaw Rock run again, and the other the Squaw Rock-to-Cloverdale run. The river was at a medium level, with enough water for some real action in the rough spots.

—Elinore Ridge and
Bob Hawley

Bestor Robinson trying out his new fiberglas kayak in fast water on the south fork of the Eel River.

ROCK CLIMBING SECTION

New Rock Climbing Chairman Carl Weisner has announced his committee and they are all busily engaged in plans for this season. Since the Yosemite Valley climb of April 6-7 was snowed out, we are anxiously looking forward to the next one there May 10-11. (Take heed, the weather man promised no snow.)

Starting May 18, the section will hold a series of five weekly instruction sessions for beginning rock climbers. All phases of the sport will be taught and sufficient instructors will be on hand to provide progressive individual instruction. Qualification committee chairman Bob Hill is engineering this program and he invites all interested people to attend. This is an excellent course for high trippers who plan to do some climbing. Full details in the Schedule, or call Bob or any member of the Rock Climbing Committee.

Spring arrived in full force at the April 13 practice climb at Pinnacle Rock in Berkeley. Forty-five eager climbers turned out and after practicing climbing and falling most of the afternoon they all turned to the ropes for—jump rope! With two old, battered ropes going, everyone hopped to it and can some of the climbers jump! Booby prize went to Dick Long for the most falls while jumping, and the longest continual jumper was yours truly. Larry Lackey and Gary Hemming were generally all tied up. Finally the leaders got control of the group and about 20 adjourned to Julie Peterson's place for a terrific spaghetti feed with lots of the traditional garlic bread. Welcome spring!

—Helen Weisner

FWSA CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Far West Ski Association will be held May 10-11 at the Hacienda Motel in Fresno.

A series of round table discussions, plus an indoor track meet, are planned.

Tickets and reservations are available from Don Huber, 802 College Ave., Kentfield.

WEST POINT CLUB HOSTESS SCHEDULE

MAY AND JUNE, 1958

May 3-4—Molly Kopfli, AShberry 3-1193

May 10-11—Eleanore Locey, AShberry 3-0772

*May 17-18—Esther and Roy Crites, GRaystone 4-1666

May 24, Sat.—Lila McKinne, ORdway 3-9540

*May 25, Sun.—15th Anniversary celebration, Tillie Smedberg, UNderhill 1-9774

May 30-31, June 1—Esther and Roy Crites, GRaystone 4-1666

*June 7-8—Helen and Walter Peterson, OVerland 1-0504

June 14-15—Harriett Weaver, WEst 1-0739

*June 21-22—Lupe and Louis Rioseco, WAlnut 1-2898

June 28-29—Beth and James MacBride, MOntrose 4-2919

*Central Commissary. Cancellation of reservations must be made by Thursday or party must pay for weekend.

For further information on anniversary celebration, call Tillie Smedberg.

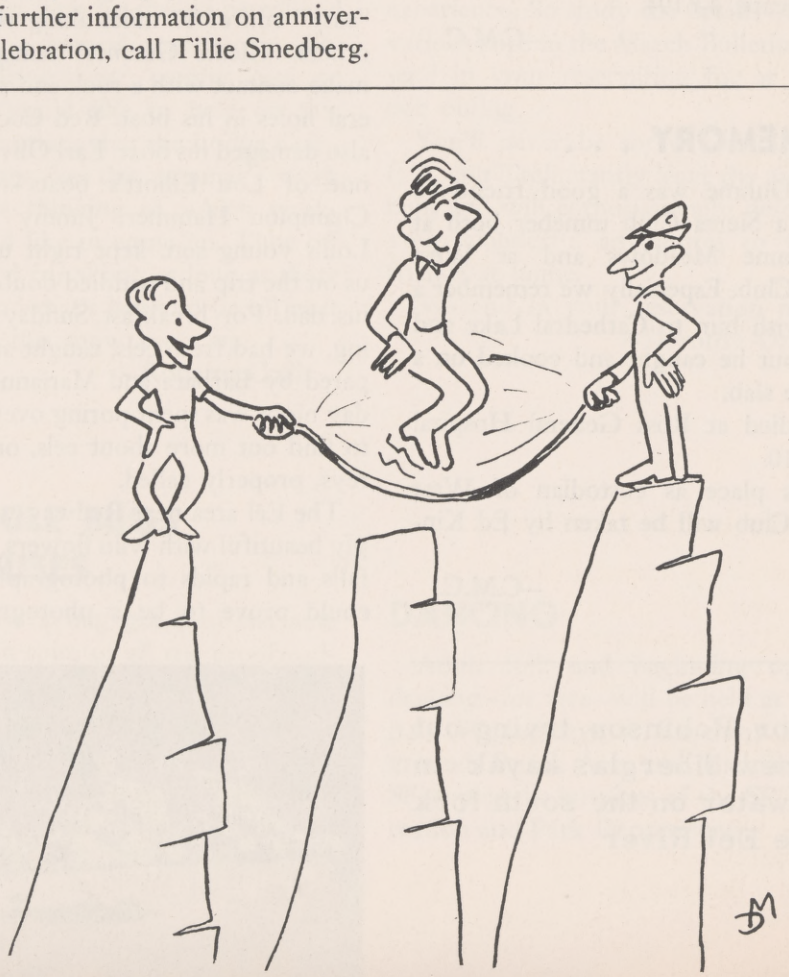
Unscheduled Ski-Snowshoe Tour to Bradley Hut

March 29-30 was, on the whole, a stormy weekend, making it difficult to enjoy downhill skiing because of poor visibility, difficult to obtain the most satisfaction from a snow camping-scouting trip because of poor visibility, but making it ideal for touring to the Josephine Bradley Hut. The seven of us trailed out from Squaw Valley behind Doug Peterson, who led the way on snow shoes, making a track about the width of a toboggan.

At Bradley Hut we climbed down to enter through the upstairs door. The upper porch was relatively free of snow and inside everything was dry and snug—replete with the luxury of cold water on tap.

That night the snow continued to fall and the next day we made fresh tracks back to Squaw Valley. The descent was most pleasant for the ski-tourers, who may have converted a couple of the snowshoers to skiing.

—Betty Klevesahl



From the Eureka "Express" or San Rafael-Fort Bragg by Train

A pleasantly relaxing and enjoyable week-end was had by the 21 people who showed up at the station in San Rafael that first beautiful Saturday morning. From the coach windows of the NW Pacific the spring scenery unfolded before us. We looked at rustic farms and sheds, saw the young livestock in the meadows, a blaze of spring flowers here and there. The River Tourers were watching the Russian River and later the Noyo, commenting on possibilities. I was joining them, or was I just watching for ways to get around the rapids they thought they could run? Nearing Willits, the snow-covered summits of Mt. Sanhedrin and Snow Mountain could be seen. In Willits we transferred to the Calif. Western, which runs a little motorcar, affectionately known to many as the "Skunk." It follows the valley of the Noyo through redoow forest and lush meadows. The Boy Scout camps along the way, bustling with activity in summer, were deserted now. The country lay there peaceful and quiet. Our last tunnel brought us into the valley of Pudding Creek. Little wisps of mist began to appear over the water and soon that wonderful sunshine changed to fog. Our memories include a very pleasant dinner and breakfast together, and the elusive herd of imported Indian white elk reputed to be ranging in the hills south of Willits. We all had a wonderful time.

—Pauline Praasterink

Santa Lucia Mountains

Carmel's Wilderness Back Country, Base camp type of trip. Week ends from $15. By week from $6 per day. May 23 through July 6.

Special Long Weekend Trips

Chews Ridge to Coast. May 30-June 1 and July 4-6. Cost from $35. Details and reservations from: Joe Wampler, Box 45, Berkeley 1.

MOUNTAIN-EARS HEAR

This is going to be a baaaaaad night. Howard is in Europe, Nancy is in Mexico, and Cicely is supposed to be home in bed. The REST of us are here, though.

From HF we have all kinds of news, namely: "DAG IN NOREFJEL — NATT IN HAMREMOEN. Still in Norway—the land where they often dot their "a" and cross their "o" . . . Sntag night I was in the Oslo stasjon expecting to take the next train to Stockholm. But I heard about Norefjell ski area, altho the stasjon-master didn't think they'd rent skis. A voice I understood—owned by an American girl working in Stockholm—told me how nice it was.

"So the next day I was there. I met a group of British hostellers — toured with them (they call it trek) for the rest of the day and went with them to their hostel . . . What a lovely hostel this is! Located on a beautiful frozen lake or fjord—curtains and lovely furnishings. The only workshift is to go to the serving window to get food.

"Unfortunately this was Monday — the last day of the Norwegian Wednesday through Monday Easter weekend—and all the Norwegians had gone. But I had a fine time with the British anyway.

"My favorite rule here is #11, quoted in part from the quadrilingual posting—Pa UH nord for polar-sirkelen Kan ein gjerra unntak fra denne regelen denne midnattsola. (Quiet from 11 pm/7 am—does not apply in hostels north of the Arctic Circle in land of midnight sun) . . . End travelogue for this issue.

Phil Faulconer and Lewis Clark discovered this past weekend that Bradley Hut has been completely buried, with chimneys bent to the wilil of Nature since the last trip in (Ski Tour, March 29-30).

Gordon Erik was born on March 31st to Helen and Erik Anthon.

Well, how about some news? Doesn't anybody do anything exciting these days? Confessions are encouraged, in spite of the fact that they are definitely not confidential.

D.B.

CTL WITHOUT SKIS

A gay weekend will be held June 20-22 at Clair Tappan Lodge, with long, medium or short hikes, swimming, folk dancing or loafing, on the agenda.

Reservations should be made with Keith Lummis, Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, by June 17.

The rates—$7 for members, $8 for non-members — include Friday night lodging through Sunday night dinner. Transportation will be by chartered bus.

The low rates are made possible by everyone sharing in cleanup duties. Accommodations will be dormitory style, so bring sleeping bag or blankets.

SCOUT-CLUB COOPERATION

In order to promote further cooperation between the Sierra Club and the Boy Scouts, I (and Hank Jones as co-sponsor) have signed up as Club members the entire membership of Explorer Post 11 of Alameda.

These young men, all Eagle Scouts, have already started participating in chapter outing activities and we hope that they may be an asset to club and chapter membership.

—Randal Dickey, Jr.

Used double Klepper touring Foldboat, including sailing gear and special SURFING BOW PIECE. Don Golden, 236 - 41st St., Oakland, OLympic 3-6617.

Wet suits are in fashion for spring river touring in cold water. Bryce Whitmore and Jim Thor enthusiastically endorse the new style, while Bob Gray wishes he had one.

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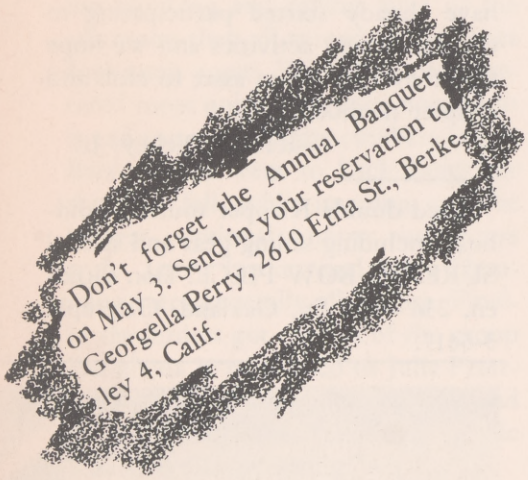
Members of the River Touring Section stop to inspect boats after running a particularly interesting stretch of rapids on the Eel River.

Eel River photos by Erwin Strohmaier.



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NAPA COUNTY IN SPRING

We really hit the jackpot for Eleanor Shaw's Oat Hill Mine Road hike out of Calistoga April 20.

We had a fine turnout — two busloads out of the Bay area, plus a few local people, for a total of about 80.

As they say in Pogo, the day was one with the lumps shook out. The sky was a wonderful clear blue, and the hills were the greenest they have been in years. All along the 13 miles, the roadside banks were decked with gilias, phascelias, mimulus, and all the other little wild flowers that adorn our springs. As promised, we saw fawn lilies, dogwood and rosebud.

The scenery was interesting, with its evidence of volcanic action, and there were beautiful views of the Napa Valley and Pope Valley, and subordinate parts of the Coast Ranges.

The consensus: we ought to do this sort of thing more often.

—Ethel Unselt

SPRING PICNIC

In spring a young man's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of the out-of-doors. For that matter, so does everyone else's.

Take off that apron or forget about the office and go to the East Bay Dinner picnic Wednesday, May 14. The place is Upper Anza View just behind the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park; the time 6:30 p.m.

Those needing rides be at the Telegraph side of Willard School, Berkeley, no later than 6 p.m. Only suggested things to bring: wraps.

After dinner Jim Roof, superintendent of the Native Botanical Gardens in the park, will take us on a guided tour of same. Even a little knowledge of our plant life will increase enjoyment of hiking and camping. Later we'll have singing and story telling around a camp fire.

Please phone your reservation for dinner no later than 10 p.m. Monday, May 12, to Jess Newlon at LAndscape 4-3249.

—Elaine Carl